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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
IN RESPONSE TO MAY 8, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the May 8, 2002 Office Action was due August 8, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time from August 8, 2002 to September 8, 2002. The required fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110.00 for a large entity and a check in that amount is enclosed. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as marked-up in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, by deleting the bracketed matter and inserting the underlined matter. A clean copy of claims 1 and 14, as amended,

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